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SUBJ: PMAC MEMBERS REPORTS INTERNAL CHAOS

SUMMARY. A RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE REPORTS THAT A TIGRE "DIRG" MEMBER, WHO IS A CLOSE AND LONG-STANDING PERSONAL FRIEND, IS SICK TO DEATH OF THE PMAC AND ITS CURRENT POLICIES OR LACK OF THEM. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO WAY OUT FOR HIM "EXCEPT A COFFIN," HE IS TOO DEPLY ENMESHED IN THE INNER WORKINGS OF THE "DIRG." HE REPORTS CONFUSION, LACK OF COORDINATION AND INTERNAL DISSENSION WITHIN THE PMAC. END SUMMARY.

1. RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT HIS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, AN UNNAMED MAJOR, IS A MEMBER OF THE "DIRG."

2. ACCORDING TO THE MAJOR, THE PMAC IS RENT WITH INTERNAL DISSENSION AND PERSONAL GRIEVANCES. "DIRG" MEMBERS OFTEN COUNTER MAND DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY OTHER "DIRG" MEMBERS WHICH RESULTS IN BUREAUCRATIC CONFUSION. THE PMAC MEMBERS ARE EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS OF EACH OTHER AND INTRA-"DIRG" SPYING ABOUNDS. "DIRG" MEMBERS BELIEVE THEIR DAYS ARE NUMBERED, WARILY SUSPECT FELLOW MEMBERS AS POTENTIAL COUP PLOTTERS, AND ARE WORKING FRANTICALLY TO
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DESTROY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE OLD FEUDAL SYSTEM BEFORE

THEIR INEVITABLE DOWNFALL COMES.

3. SOURCE'S GIRLFRIEND, WHO IS A SECRETARY IN MOFA, REPORTS A COMPLETE OPERATIONAL STANDSTILL THERE. WHERE BEFORE SHE WAS BUSILY TYPING LETTERS AND REPORTS, SHE NOW GOES FOR HOURS AND SOMETIMES DAYS WITH NO WORK. THIS IS DUE, SHE SAYS, TO THE FACT THAT NO DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE. THE BUREAUCRATS ARE TOO AFRAID AND ALL DECISIONS ARE REFERRED TO THE "DIRG." WHEN THE "DIRG" FINALLY TAKES A DECISION, IT IS OFTEN COUNTER-MANDED BY SOMEONE ELSE IN THE "DIRG."
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